

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:829

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF PRABIR SENGUPTA COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Peer Review' report of Shri Prabir Sengupta, recommending the deregulation of FCV tobacco production has been received by the Government;

(b) if so, the main recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c) : The 'Peer Review' Report has recommended inter alia phased deregulation of production of Flue Cured Virginia tobacco without discontinuing auction system and adoption of a facilitator's role by the Tobacco Board. The process of consulting the concerned State Governments on the recommendations made in the Report has been taken in hand.